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1. STRIKE SITUATION MONDAY NOON, MARCH 1, REMAINS ESSENTIALLY AS IT WAS FRIDAY EVENING (REFTELS SUPPLEMENTED BY HENNES-GRIP TELCON). ANY NEGOTIATIONS WITH PALAIS STRIKERS ARE A CONCERN, OF COURSE, TO ALL GENEVA ORGANIZATIONS, AND WALDHEIM REP HELMUT DEBOTIN (REF D) APPARENTLY WAS ACTIVE THROUGHOUT WEEKEND SHUTTling BETWEEN MEETINGS OF HEADS OF GENEVA-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND MEETINGS OF STAFF REPS. WE DO NOT YET HAVE DETAILS OF WHAT MAY HAVE TRANSPIRED, BUT WHATEVER NARROWING THERE MAY HAVE BEEN IN POSITIONS IT OBVIOUSLY WAS NOT SUFFICIENT FROM POINT OF VIEW OF STAFF REPS WHO MET AGAIN MONDAY MORNING AND DECIDED TO CONTINUE STRIKE. STAFF PLANS MEET AGAIN MONDAY AFTERNOON.

2. STRIKE HAS NOT SPREAD TO ANY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS,
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AND WE HAVE NO PRESENT INDICATION IT WILL. (PERHAPS

INDICATIVE OF MOOD IN OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, WHEN STAFF AT GATT-UNCTAD SUPPORTED INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTER CONSIDERED JOINING PALAIS STRIKE IDEA WAS REJECTED 36-190.) WHATEVER DECISION MAY HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY ASSOCIATION OF FREELANCE INTERPRETERS ABOUT JOINING PALAIS STRIKE, IT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN EMPTY GESTURE, AND, GIVEN THEIR OWN STAFF RESOURCES AND EXPECTED LACK OF DISCIPLINE AMONG ASSOCIATION MEMBERS, OTHER ORGANIZATIONS APPARENTLY ARE CONFIDENT THEY CAN COPE WITH THIS THREAT EVEN IF IMPLEMENTED.

3. UN COMMUNICATIONS, WHICH WERE DISRUPTED FOR 48-HOUR PERIOD FEB 25-26, NOW RESTORED ALTHOUGH WITH LESS THAN FULL CAPABILITY. UNCRO REPORTS SOME COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS, AND WILL DEMAND GREATER CONSIDERATION FROM STRIKERS IF THEY PERSIST. SAME ATTITUDE REFLECTED BY INCB OFFICIALS. STRIKERS APPEAR ANXIOUS NOT TO DISRUPT "HUMANITARIAN" ACTIVITIES OF UN, HOWEVER, AND ALLOWED CND COMPLETE ITS WORK LAST WEEK AT EFTA BUILDING (GENEVA 1491). ALSO DID NOT INTERFERE WITH CONDUCT OF BUSINESS OF HRC WHICH MOVED MEETING TO SWISS-REUN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTER.

4. STATUS OF MEETINGS: ALL SCHEDULED MEETINGS OF ILO, ITU, WHO, WMO, AND WIPO PROCEEDING AS SCHEDULED; ASSEMBLED DELEGATES HAVE DECIDED TO GO AHEAD WITH MARCH 1-12 ECOSOC GROUP OF RAPPORTEURS ON PACKING OF DANGEROUS GOODS MEETING, BUT WITHOUT INTERPRETATION (OR, INDEED, HEAT); ECE AD HOC MEETING ON STRUCTURAL CHANGES IN IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRY (SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 3-4) CANCELLED INDEFINITELY; ECE MEETING OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR STANDARDIZATION POLICIES (SCHEDULED TO OPEN MARCH 1) POSTPONED TO BEGIN (TENTATIVELY) MARCH 2 IF CIRCUMSTANCES THEN PERMIT. CCD FORMAL MEETINGS SUSPENDED. DALE

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